

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-10, 12-18, 25-38, and 40 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 41-46 are newly added. Therefore, claims 11, 19-24, 39, and 41-46 are pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 11 has overcome the § 112 rejection, and for again indicating that claims 11, 19-24, and 39 contain patentable subject matter. Since the amendments to the claims have now been entered by filing an RCE, claims 11, 19-24, and 39 are allowable.

No new matter has been added.

Newly added claims 41-46 each define over the art of record, at least because the applied references to *Clausen* and *Wigoda*, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the claimed invention as a whole, and fail to teach or suggest the claimed combination of limitations.

The present cancellation of claims is intended to pass the present case to issue, and is not necessitated by any prior art, applied or otherwise.

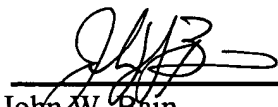
Request for Interview

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly **requested to call** the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 10-0270.

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